



# South Carolina River News



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## South Carolina Rivers Month

### Exciting Events Celebrating South Carolina's Rivers

It's that time of year when South Carolina's rivers receive special attention in a month long celebration! Throughout the month of June folks across the state can celebrate our river resources by getting involved in a variety of river-related activities.

The Land, Water and Conservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources coordinates Rivers Month. Each year, in our role as coordinator, we encourage groups to sponsor river related events. We compile a list of the events in the *South Carolina River News* newsletter and distribute it throughout the state.

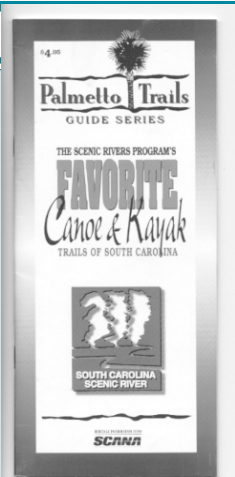
The rivers of South Carolina offer an outstanding variety of experiences and throughout the month of June you can participate in events that will give you an opportunity to see the incredible array of riverine resources in our state.

If you have not yet discovered the cool blackwater, white sandbars and beautiful forests of the Edisto River, then make sure the 12th Annual Edisto Riverfest is on your calendar. This event is fun for the entire family and if you are like most, you will make this an annual trip. Want to learn more about the state's rich history by visiting rivers? Sign up for one of the hikes at Landsford Canal State Park on the Catawba River or paddle by old shipwrecks and plantations on the Ashley River or visit Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree River. Also during Rivers month, you can learn more about canoeing or kayaking at several workshops that offer paddling instructions.



June is a beautiful month in South Carolina. Celebrate the beginning of summer by planning to take some time to enjoy and appreciate our beautiful rivers. Attend a river festival! Go paddling! Explore a scenic river! Go fishing! Go on a riverside hike! All of these events are happening during June. All you need to do is sign up.

For more information on South Carolina Rivers Month or for additional copies of the brochure please call Ellis Farr at 803-734-9105.



## New Guide to SC River Trails

South Carolina river trips are described in the latest addition to the Palmetto Trails Guide Series: *The Scenic Rivers Program's Favorite Canoe and Kayak Trails of South Carolina*. This compact 27-page guide provides good maps and descriptions of 12 selected rivers offering day trips and extended overnight adventures. Directions to public access points, river mileage, and local contacts for information are provided to aspiring river explorers. To obtain a copy of the guide, mail a check for \$5.50 (postage incl), payable to SCDNR, to our address shown on this newsletter. Proceeds go to the Scenic Rivers Trust Fund to assist river conservation in South Carolina.

# South Carolina Rivers Month Events 1999

## Special Events and Festivals

### Black River Fest

June 19 (Saturday) All day.

Black River Fest is a celebration on the banks of the Black River in Williamsburg County. Come join in the fun — Nature walks, nature photography, learn how to grill and cook naturally, archery contest, bb gun contest, arts and crafts, canoeing and kayaking, musical entertainment, fishing tournament, poker run and a bialthlon-paddling and 5 mile run for teams of 3. Sponsored by Williamsburg Home-town Chamber. For more information call Joanne Brown at (843) 354-6431 for more information.

### Harborwalk Festival Power Boat Race

June 27, 1 PM

The National Outboard Racing Association and the Harborwalk Festival sponsors a power boat race on the Sampit River. We have more than 30 boats racing with an attendance of 10,000 watching the boats at speeds of 100 mph. The boat landing is cleaned, grass out and litter free. Sponsored by NORA and the City and County of Georgetown. Cost: \$3 per adult and 12 & under Free.

### Lake Splash '99

June 19, 12 noon-5PM

Lake Wylie Marion, Lake Wylie, SC

The Lake Splash Festival is an event to celebrate our lake's resources. The goal of the festival is to educate lake users and residents about ways to improve the quality of Lake Wylie's water for the enjoyment of present and future generations. In addition, there will be lots of fun, games, entertainment, food, and prizes. Bring family, friends and be prepared to have a GREAT time! Sponsored by the York Soil and Water Conservation District. For more information call Carole Shelton or Margie Sippel (803) 684-9919. Cost: Free

### Twelfth Annual Edisto Riverfest

Colleton State Park

June 10-13

Come celebrate the Edisto River in this four-day festival! Join us for guided canoe and kayak trips down the river, canoeing and kayaking workshops, music and great food. Also, fun-filled Huck Finn-style raft trips will be offered. All equipment will be provided, along with professional trained river guides. Sponsored by the Edisto River Canoe and Kayak Trail Commission and SCPRT. Advance registration is required so secure a space early by calling 803-734-0156.

### Family Fishing Contest

Cheraw State Park

June 5 (Sat.)

Come to lake Juniper and spend the entire day fishing with your family and friends. There will be prizes awarded in both adult and child competitions. Participants must abide by South Carolina fishing regulations. Designed for all ages, although an adult must accompany those 15



years and younger. Bring water, lunch, insect repellent, a hat, sunscreen, fishing equipment and bait. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$5/person. No registration is required. Meet at the boat dock shelter by 6:30 AM (8 - hrs.) For more information call 843-537-2215.

### Lily Festival

Lands Ford Canal State Park

May 30 (Sunday)

Come celebrate the peak blooming of the spectacular Rocky Shoals Spider Lily. For about three weeks in May and June, this state-threatened plant covers the shoals in a breathtaking display. Entertainment includes live music from several bands and performances from members of the Catawba Indian Nation. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: FREE. No registration required.

Tours to the viewing area held from 1 to 5 PM. For more information call 803-789-5800



## Hiking

### Little Pinnacle Mountain Hike

Jone Gap State Park

June 10 (Thursday)

During this hike we will discover how habitats change with changes in elevation. We'll begin at a river cove forest at the Middle Saluda River, enroute to a ridgeline, mixed hardwood and pine forest 1,600 feet higher in elevation. The route covers 4.7 miles and is strenuous. Bring water, lunch and wear hiking boots. Designed for ages 12 & older. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$5/person. Register by June 8. Meet at the Jones Gap Environmental Education Building by 9:30 AM (5 hrs.) For more information call 864-836-6115.

### Floodplain Forest Flora and Fauna

June 19 (Sat.)

Lee State Park

Learn about the Lynches River floodplain and the unique role it plays in our environment. Participants will begin their excursion with a discussion on some of the area's inhabitants that focus on identification techniques and life histories. This will be followed by a hike, which will include hands-on activities and some sampling techniques to examine the many species of the forest and river up close. Also discover

how species diversification changes with the seasons. Bring water, field guide, insect repellent, waterproof rubber boots and wear clothes that can get dirty. Designed for ages 14 & older. An adult must accompany those 14-17. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$5/person. Register at least two weeks prior to program. Meet at the Environmental Education Center by 9 AM (3 hrs.) For more information call 843-428-3833.



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## Natural Communities of Woods Bay

Woods Bay State Park  
June 12 (Sat.)

Join the park naturalist for a morning nature walk. We will investigate four of the natural communities associated with Woods Bay: a cypress/tupelo swamp, a fragrant pine forest, a mixed oak/hickory forest and the dry sand rim. Wear comfortable shoes and bring insect repellent. Designed for ages 5 & older. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$5/person. Register by June 5. Meet at the Nature Center by 10 AM (2 hrs.) For more information call 843-659-4445..

## Paddling Instruction

### Canoe Sampler

June 1, 6-8:30 PM

Let our experienced instructors give you a taste of canoeing on the tranquil waters of James Island County Park. This hands-on class introduces basic strokes & equipment before giving you a chance to paddle a variety of canoes. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$15 Charleston County residents; \$22.50 non-Charleston residents. For ages 14 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by May 26. Reservation Office: (843) 795-4FUN

### Learn to Kayak Class

June 5th, 8 AM, June 12th, 8 AM, June 19th, 8 AM

This one day class consists of learning the paddle strokes; fitting a kayak and accessories for you; how to do a wet exit, how to do an eskimo roll; and much, much more. Sponsored by Adventure Carolina. Cost: \$100. For more information call 803-796-4505.

### Kayak Rolling Class

June 14, 16 & 18, at 6:30-8:30 PM.

Rolling is the greatest self-rescue tool a kayaker has. These pool sessions emphasize many concepts that will improve not only your rolling, but all your paddling. During this 3-day course, individual attention ensures your comfort throughout the process. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$30 Charleston County residents; \$45 non-Charleston residents. For ages 14 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 10. (843) 795-4FUN

## Kayak Sampler

James Island County Park  
June 15, 6-8:30 PM

Take this opportunity to discover kayaking from friendly, knowledgeable instructors on protected waters. After a brief introduction to the basic equipment 7 strokes, you'll have a chance to try a wide variety of kayaks. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$15 Charleston County residents; \$22.50 non-Charleston residents. For ages 14 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 10. (843) 795-4FUN

## Basic Kayak Clinic

June 27, 9 AM-4 PM

James Island County Park

They're in magazines, on billboards, & in TV commercials. Let's face it, kayaks are everywhere! What's all the buzz about? Join us & find out! We'll introduce you to a variety of boats & cover many basic skills you'll need to kayak safely. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$35 Charleston County residents; \$52.50 non-Charleston residents. For ages 14 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 24. (843) 795-4FUN

## Canoe and Kayak Clinic & Trip

Andrew Jackson State Park

June 26-27 (Sat.- Sun.)

If you are unsure of your paddling skills, yet have always wanted to sample the beautiful Catawba River, then join us at the park lake for a beginner's clinic. The following day you will be prepared for a trip on the gentler reaches of the Catawba. Equipment provided by the River Runner Outdoor Center. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and insect repellent. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Designed for ages 12 & older. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$45/person. Register by June 24. Meet at the Park Lake by 10 AM For more information call 803-285-3344

## Basic Canoeing

Colleton State Park

June 26 (Sat.)

This course is designed for canoers of all levels. Whether you are a beginner or want to refresh your skills, you will be taught basic strokes, proper equipment use, and self-rescue techniques. Bring sunscreen, lunch, beverages and a change of clothes. Designed for ages 12 & older. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$15/person. Register by June 22. Meet at the Park Office by 9 AM (6 hrs.).

## Saluda River White Water Kayak Clinic

Each Monday, 5-8 PM

We begin on land describing gear and boat features used in the clinic. We then go over skills used on the river: how to paddle, turn, ferry across current, wet exit, Eskimo rescue, run rapids etc. Then we hit the river and turn all your knowledge into practical skill. We start with an easy section of flat water and progress at your pace. If you "chicken out" there are ways to carry your boat around the rapids so that you do not have to push yourself beyond your ability. It provides you with inexpensive exercise, a group to go with, additional instructions, and potential to meet new friends and paddling partners. No skills needed. Sponsored by River Runner Outdoor Center. Meet at Riverbanks Zoo at the end of this right parking lot. Cost: \$40/person. Equipment proved. For more information call 771-0353.

## Paddling

### Parent & Child Canoe: Edisto River

June 27, 8 AM-5 PM

Join us for a fun day on the Edisto River and bring mom or dad. We will teach basic canoe strokes before embarking on our day floating down the Edisto River. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$45 Charleston County residents; \$67.50 non-Charleston residents per parent/child pair. For ages 8 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 23. (843) 795-4FUN

### Women TREK - After Work Sunset Kayak Tour

June 9, 5-9 PM

Treat yourself right! Relieve stress & unwind from a hectic day at work with this relaxing sunset kayak trip. Bring along a friend or others in the office, & leave work behind. Travel from Remley's Point Boat Landing to Shem Creek. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$30 Charleston County residents; \$45 non-Charleston residents. For ages 18 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 7. (843) 795-4FUN.

### Little Pee Dee Scenic River Trip

June 19, 8 PM

Meander down the black waters of the Scenic Little Pee Dee River and see all the natural beauty the river has to offer. Sponsored by the Wildlife Action, Inc. Cost: \$20 per canoe. For more information call Rana Pyle (843) 464-8473

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## Father's Day Family Float

Lake Moultrie

June 20, 9 AM-5 PM

Bring your family on a Father's Day canoeing adventure. Lake Moultrie will be our gracious host for floating, swimming, water fights & fun for the entire family! This year, give Dad a gift he'll remember! Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$30 Charleston County residents; \$45.00 non-Charleston residents; youth under 12 are half price. For ages 6 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 17. (843) 795-4FUN

## Canoeing Down the Catawba River

Lands Ford Canal State Park

June 4 (Friday)

This paddle down the Catawba River covers two miles of shoals and four miles of flat water. Your guide will interpret the history, biology and geology of the river. A van will return participants to the park for a deli-tray lunch. Bring water and wear clothes that can get wet. An adult must accompany those 7-17. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$25/person. Register at least two weeks prior to program. Meet at area 1 by 9:30 AM (4 hours). For more information call 803-789-5800.

## After Work Harbor Kayak Tour

June 23, 6-9 PM

Close out your workday with a relaxing tour of some of Charleston's best-known sights & waterways. We'll paddle under the Cooper River Bridges, past the Yorktown to home port via Shem Creek. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$25 Charleston County residents; \$37.50 non-Charleston residents. For ages 14 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 18. (843) 795-4FUN

## Wacamaw River Teepee Campout

June 25 (afternoon 5 PM), & 26, 10 AM-1 PM

Teepee campout will begin at 5 PM on June 25 - meeting at Wind-N-Sea Outfitters in Myrtle Beach. A river sweep will begin at 10 AM on June 26 and end about 1 PM. Cost: \$25 per person including paddling equipment and campfire dinner. Cost: \$10 per person on June 26 for paddling equipment for padding on Saturday only! No experience is necessary. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by Wind-N-Sea Outfitters. For more information call Vicki Gardner (843) 692-0089.

## Lynches River Canoe Trip

Lee State Park

June 5 (Saturday)

Discover the wildlife, nature and beauty of the scenic Lynches River by canoe. Begin your adventure with a short safety talk then take to the river for an exciting trip. We will begin at US 15 and float several miles to take out at Lee State Park. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, lunch and water. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet. Designed for ages 7 & older. An adult must accompany those 7-17. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$20 per person. Register at least a week prior to trip. Meet at the Environmental Education Center by 9 AM (6hrs). For more information call Kevin Misiak at (803) 428-3833.

## Saluda River Kayak Trip

June 19, 9 AM-3 PM

Celebrate SC Rivers Month by kayaking the entire Lower Saluda River. We will paddle Section I, II, and III (Approximately 10 miles). Equipment provided. Intermediate skills required for Section II and III. Sponsored by River Runner Outdoor Center. Cost: \$40 for all three sections; and \$20 for Section I only. For more information call 771-0353.

## Catawba River Canoe Trip

June 27, 10:30 AM

Canoe the beautiful Catawba River from Landsford Canal State Park to Hwy #9. Equipment provided. Basic paddling skills required. Sponsored by River Runner and SCPRT. Cost: \$25 per person. For more information call 803-771-0353.

## Canoeing the Shoals

Lands Ford Canal State Park

June 5-6 (Sat. & Sun.)

June 19-20 (Sat. & Sun.)

Discover the living Catawba River Shoals as your guide interprets the history, biology and geology of this river. Highlights of the trip are usually abundant wildlife and the peak blooming of the rare Rocky Shoals Spider Lily. The trip concludes with a 1 1/4 mile hike down the historic towpath of a 19th century canal. Basic canoeing skills are required. A morning session and an afternoon session will be offered. Bring water and wear clothes that can get wet. Designed for ages 7 & older. An adult must accompany ages 7 to 17. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$15/person. Register at least a week before the program. Be sure to indicated either the morning or afternoon session. Meet at area 1 by 9:30 AM; or by 1:30 PM (3 hours). For more information call 803-789-5800.

## A Float through Time

Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site

June 26 (Sat.)

This float takes you down the historic Enoree River, located in Laurens County. Focusing on the pre 20th century history, this travel through one of time's highways will discuss native Americans, Revolutionary War heroes and early settlers. The extra bonus is the unspoiled beauty of the Enoree River, which flows gradually into the Broad River. The trip begins at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, location of an important Revolutionary War Patriot victory. Bring lunch in a watertight bag, water, sunscreen and hat, and wear shoes and clothing that can get wet. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$15/person. Register by June 19. Meet at Horseshoe Falls Rd. (County road 10) near highway 56 bridge by 10 AM 9 (3 hours). For more information call 864-427-5966.

## Twilight Canoe Float

Sesquicentennial State Park

June 19 (Sat.) & June 26 (Sat.)

Discover life drawn to the water at twilight "nature's dinnertime". After a brief instruction and safety talk, paddle the quiet waters of Lake Centennial and catch a glimpse of the aquatic community in action. Bring a flashlight, insects repellent and clothes that can get wet. Canoes, paddles and life jackets will be provided. Designed for ages 7 & older. An adult must accompany those 17 and under. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$5/person. Register by the Friday before the program. Meet at the Nature Center by 7:30 PM (2 hours). For more information call 803-788-2706.

## A Day on the Cooper River

Old Santee Canal State Park

June 26 (Sat)

Explore 300 years of Lowcountry history along the Cooper River through slides and photographs. The unique system of rice culture and planters contributed significantly to the growth and development of the country. An adult must accompany children younger than 14. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$3/person. Register by June 25. Meet at the Interpretive Center by 2 PM (1 1/4 hrs.) For more information call 843-899-5200.

## Canoeing a Carolina Bay Swamp

Woods Bay State Park

June 19 (Sat.)

Enjoy a guided canoe trip into the mysterious Carolina Bay Swamp. Paddle through the black water of the cypress/tupelo swamp, which



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is one of the natural communities that make up Woods Bay. Watch for alligators, otters, turtles and other wildlife while you discuss Carolina Bay origins and the natural history of the area. Designed for ages 7 & older. An adult must accompany those 7 to 17. Sponsored by SCPRT. Cost: \$8/adult; \$4/child 7-12. Register at least a week prior to program. Meet at the Nature Center by 10 AM (1 1/2 hrs.) For more information call 843-659-4445.

## Saluda II & III Kayak Trip

June 20, 10 AM

White water kayak trip down sections II and III of the Saluda River. This trip involves some class II & III whitewater. There is an emphasis on improving boat control and reading whitewater. Some kayaking experience necessary. Sponsored by Adventure Carolina. Cost: \$40. For more information call 803-796-4505.

## Congaree River Trip kids Only

June 19, 10 AM

The three mile Congaree trip begins just below the Gervais Street Bridge on the Congaree River and continues under the Blossom Street Bridge through old Granby Locks and ends at the Cayce Landing. We see wildlife, run a few rapids and have fun. Sponsored by Adventure Carolina. Cost: \$20. No experience needed. For more information call 803-796-4505.

## Congaree River Trip

Every Saturday & Sunday, 2 PM

The three mile Congaree trip begins just below the Gervais Street Bridge on the Congaree River and continues under the Blossom Street Bridge through old Granby Locks and ends at the Cayce Landing. We see wildlife, run a few rapids and have fun. Sponsored by Adventure Carolina. Cost: \$20. For more information call 803-796-4505.

## After Work Canoe Trip (AWCT)

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 6 PM

This is the trip that popularized canoeing in Columbia. The trip starts at 6:00pm and ends at 9:00pm. It provides a marvelous antidote to a stressful day. You come back totally refreshed and ready for the next day. The trip starts at the historic Gervais Street Bridge and we float down the Congaree River. A few small rapids are encountered along the way. Most of the bank is wild and remote, which is unusual for a large city like Columbia. You will see lots of birds, large turtles and no telling what else. Sponsored by Adventure Carolina. Cost: \$20. For more information call 803-796-4505.

## Float the Edisto River at Branchville

June 12th, 10 AM & June 26th, 10 AM

This trip begins on the North Fork of the Edisto, past where it is joined by the South Fork, and ends at the Adventure Carolina "Paddle In" outpost on the mainstream of the Edisto. Intermediate level of paddling proficiency is needed. Sponsored by Adventure Carolina. Cost: \$35. For more information call 803-796-4505.



## Moonlight Magic: Moonlight Canoe Tour

June 28, 7-10 PM

Combine the beauty of canoeing tranquil waters by moonlight with the sight of alligators in their natural surroundings and you've got magic! This beginning canoe trip will provide you with great sights & easy paddling. Sponsored by Charleston County PRC. Cost: \$25 Charleston County residents; \$37.50 non-Charleston residents. For ages 13 & up. Chaperone required for ages 15 & under. Register by June 23. (843) 795-4FUN

## Hunting Salt Marsh Kayaking

June 17, 29 8 AM-12:15 PM

Paddle through the spartina creeks around mysterious Drunken Jack Island to the sandy beaches of Murrells Inlet. View sea turtles and shore birds feeding and see alligators basking in fresh water lagoon. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience necessary to participate. Call Black River Outdoors Center Kayak Expeditions at (843) 546-4840 for reservations. Cost: \$40 per person (under age 13 half price).

## Rice Field Wildlife Refuge

June 12, 15, 19, 24, & 26 8 PM-12:15 PM

Kayak the creeks and canals that crisscross the Great Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers. Land at Sandy Island to walk the scrub oak sand ridges of America's newest National Wildlife Refuge. Colorful songbirds, turtles, and abundant plant life abound. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience necessary to participate. Call Black River Outdoors Center Kayak Expeditions at (843) 546-4840 for reservations. Cost: \$40 per person (under age 13 half price).

## Black River Swamp Trek

June 8, 10 & 22 8 PM-1:45 PM

Paddle kayaks deep into the tupelo-cypress swamps fed by the black waters of the Black River. Explore remote ponds and land on hidden islands where few humans have ever penetrated. Watch for the elusive swamp canary and arboreal orchids. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience is necessary to participate. Call Black River Outdoors

Center Kayak Expeditions at (843) 546-4840 for reservations. Cost: \$40 per person (under age 13 half price).

## Historic Georgetown Harbor

June, every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6-7:30 PM

A relaxing evening kayak tour of South Carolina's third oldest city harbor dating to 1732. View the magnificent Kaminski House and the Rice Museum Clock Tower while paddling along Harborwalk. See the tall ship Jolly Rover set out under full sail. Along the shore of Goat Island are osprey and alligators. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience necessary to participate. Call Black River Outdoors Center Kayak Expeditions at (843) 546-4840 for reservations. Cost: \$15 per person (under age 7 free).



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[Http://water.dnr.state.sc.us](http://water.dnr.state.sc.us)

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### Chattanooga Section III

June 6 10 AM

We will be paddling a portion of Section III of the Chattanooga Wild and Scenic River. Participants must be comfortable on Class III Whitewater. Group size limited to 12. Must have your own boat, PFD, paddle, and helmet. Sponsored by Foothills Paddling Club. Contact: Bill Joerner (864) 292-2627 Cost: Free.

### Ashley River Shipwreck Trail Kayak Trip

Old Dorchester State Historic Site

June 12 (Saturday) 1 PM

Drift with the Ashley River in a sea kayak starting at its blackwater headwaters. As the river widens, the natural history will intervene with the cultural history. On the lower section of this trip, explore shipwrecks dating back to the 1700's. Previous paddling experience is recommended for this trip due the narrow channel at the headwaters. Bring a light lunch, water, insect repellent and sun screen, clothes and shoes that can get wet. Sponsored by SCPRT. For more information call 843-873-1740. Cost: \$20 per person.

## River Currents

We are very excited to have two new staff members in the Land and Water Stewardship Program. **Lynn Ouattro** comes to us from SCDHEC where she worked in the Bureau of Land and Waste Management. She has an undergraduate degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management and a Master's Degree in Fisheries Management. Lynn will be the project manager for the Lynches River Scenic River Project and also be involved in other river management projects. **Elise Schmidt** comes to the Stewardship Program from her current position as the Coordinator of the GAP Analysis Program for the SCDNR. She has extensive training in landscape ecology. Elise has an undergraduate degree in Invertebrate Zoology and a Ph. D. in Environmental Science.

**The Transportation Equity Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21)** directs billions of dollars in funding opportunities to localities and nonprofits for trails and greenways, historic preservation and scenic beautification. The web sites of the Federal Highway Administration ([www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21)) and the Surface Transportation Policy Project ([www.tea21.org](http://www.tea21.org)) provide information about the various programs and how your community or organization may apply for funds.

Farewell to **Mikel Shakarjian** who left the SCDNR River Conservation Program in March to take a new position in her native New York state. Mikel will be greatly missed. She made important contributions in many areas. Soon after her arrival in the summer of 1997, Mikel began coordinating the Ashley Scenic River designation process. Later, she ably provided for the many research and information needs for the start up of the Reedy River Watershed Study. Mikel also served the Lynches Scenic River Project community through two staff transitions, helping to plan and coordinate two Lynches River Festivals and more. Mikel is now employed by several counties in the Ithaca area working to protect and manage Cayuga Lake, one of the Finger Lakes of central New York state.



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